

February 5, 2018

Via ECFS

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notification of *Ex Parte* Presentation, CG Docket Nos. 02-278, 17-59

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 1, 2018, the following individuals representing industry trade associations (the Associations) met with Nicholas Degani and Zenji Nakazawa of Chairman Ajit Pai's office and, in a separate meeting, with Amy Bender of Commissioner Michael O'Rielly's office:

- Virginia O'Neill, Jess Sharp, and Jonathan Thessin of the American Bankers Association;
- Mark Brennan on behalf of the American Association of Healthcare Administrative Management;
- Stephen Congdon of the Consumer Bankers Association;
- Leah Dempsey of the Credit Union National Association;
- Aryeh Fishman of the Edison Electric Institute;
- Justin Wiseman of the Mortgage Bankers Association;
- Ann Kossachev of the National Association of Federally-Insured Credit Unions;
- Shelly Repp of the National Council of Higher Education Resources;
- Winfield Crigler of the Student Loan Servicing Alliance; and
- Kristina Sesek of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for Legal Reform.

The Associations expressed support for the Federal Communications Commission's (Commission) efforts to eliminate unlawful automated calls. The Associations also emphasized the continuing negative impact to their members of the Commission's Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) decisions, particularly the Commission's interpretation of the statutory definition of an "automatic telephone dialing system."¹ The Associations explained that many of the Commission's existing TCPA interpretations impair the ability of the Associations' members to use efficient dialing technologies to contact their customers with important messages. We

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 227(a)(1) (defining "automatic telephone dialing system").

urged the Commission to act expeditiously to ensure that its implementation of the TCPA is consistent with the text of the statute and congressional intent.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jonathan Thessin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Jonathan Thessin
Senior Counsel, Center for Regulatory Compliance